

VICTORY FOR KAISER IN FRENCH INVASION, REPULSE IN PRUSSIA

French Towns of Lille, Roubaix, and Valenciennes in Northern France Are Reported to Have Been Captured, Dispatch Coming from Ostend to London

ALL FORTS AT NAMUR REPORTED CAPTURED

Russian Official Report Says Germans Have Been Cleared From Eastern Prussia to a Point 100 Miles West of Gumbinnen—Mine Blows Up Steamer.

The Germans have occupied the French cities of Lille, Valenciennes and Roubaix, according to a dispatch from Ostend, Belgium, which passed through the hands of the censor at London. All three of the cities are situated within a few miles of the Belgian frontier, and Lille was strongly fortified. Valenciennes is a military station of less importance, while Roubaix is known chiefly as a manufacturing center.

Earlier dispatches from Ostend quoted a Belgian officer as authority for the statement that the allies had decided not to defend Lille and that its evacuation by the French troops was announced on Tuesday.

A wireless dispatch direct from Berlin to-day brought the official announcement that all the forts at Namur had fallen before the Germans, who had also captured Longwy. The war office at Paris was silent up to noon.

Belgian operations were asserted to have been completely successful, in an official statement from Antwerp. Four Belgian divisions from Namur were said to have stopped the southward movement of the German fourth division, after which the Belgians retired on the French line. The forts at Namur were still holding out, this dispatch declared.

It was officially announced at St. Petersburg that the Russian advance into Prussia was proceeding with irresistible force, with Posen as the objective point.

Diplomatic relations between Austria and Japan were formally severed, a dispatch direct from Tokio stating that the Austrian ambassador had been recalled. Blockade of the leased territory of Kiaochow was declared by the Japanese, whose warships shelled a small island off the coast. So far as observed, the Japanese have not yet sent a landing party ashore. The Japanese minister of justice announced that the hostilities in the China and Japan seas will end with the capture of Kiaochow, when Japan will become a spectator, instead of a participant in the war.

Keen interest continues in the attitude Italy will eventually assume. The Rome correspondent of the London Times says Germany and Austria are bringing great pressure to bear, offering Italy inducements to join them. An unconfirmed newspaper dispatch represents the Italian people as more favorable to war against Austria.

London, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from Ostend says the Germans have occupied Lille, Roubaix and Valenciennes, all of which are in France.

ALL NAMUR FORTS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN

Berlin, wireless to Associated Press via Sayville, Long Island, Aug. 27.—All the forts at Namur have fallen and Longwy, near the Luxembourg border, has been captured after a resolute defense by the French forces, which attacked the German crown prince's army and were repulsed. Upper Alsace is free of the enemy, except points westward of Kolmar.

GERMANS ARE RETREATING BEFORE THE RUSSIANS' ADVANCE

London, Aug. 27, 11:05 a. m.—It is officially announced, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company, that the Russian advance is proceeding in Prussia with irresistible force. The Germans have retreated to Osterode, a town in East Prussia, 100 miles west of Gumbinnen.

AUSTRIA HAS RECALLED HER TOKIO REPRESENTATIVE

Tokio, Aug. 27, 12:35 p. m.—The Austrian ambassador, Baron Muller Deszenty, has been recalled.

ANTWERP IS QUIET BUT NEARLY CUT OFF BY WIRE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—Official reports from Antwerp to the state department to-day say the city is quiet but communication has been cut off from all points except Ghent and Bruges and some of the coast points.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER HITS MINE AND IS BLOWN UP

London, Aug. 27, 2:45 p. m.—The Norwegian steamer Gottfred was blown up in the North sea to-day by coming in contact with a floating mine. Eight members of the crew lost their lives.

GERMAN STEAMER SUNK BY BRITISH CRUISER

London, Aug. 27.—The Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse has been sunk off the west coast of Africa by the British cruiser Highflyer.

TELLS OF RUSSIAN TRIUMPH.

Russian Military Man in United States Embassy Says Austrians Fled.

New York, Aug. 27.—The military attaché of the Russian embassy last night issued through the local Russian consulate the following statement on war movements:

"In eastern Prussia on August 24 the line of the river Angerap, although fortified for defense, was abandoned by the enemy without an attempt to offer resistance. Insterburg and Angerburg are occupied by the Russian troops. The enemy has retreated in great disorder, partly toward Königsburg, partly toward Rastenburg. From the front Orshburg-Soldau, the Russians are gradually advancing, the enemy retreating to the south and leaving several guns, machine guns, ammunition, wagons, and prisoners.

"On the left bank of the river Vistula the enemy retired from the line Plock-Lentchitz, but further to the south his detachment yet undisturbed by the Russian advance retained in their hands Lodz, Petrokof, Konsk Ransom and Opatof.

"In Galicia the enemy, on August 23, advanced his left to the line of Annopol-Zamorsie-Kamow, while on the right the Austrians are falling back before our advance. On the evening of August 23 the Russians took the Tarnopol and strengthened their positions on the river Seret, affluent of the river Dniester.

"On August 24 the commander in chief reported to his majesty an account of a brilliant encounter of a squadron of the Nijegorodski dragoon regiment which attacked a detachment of German scouts of 70 picked men under the command of an officer. Six Germans were taken prisoners, the rest were killed. The Russian dragoons had four men slightly wounded by the enemy's bullets, but none of our men was even touched by the enemy's shrapnel.

"The Serbian army continues to be invincibly successful. From the beginning of the war the Serbians have captured 43 guns, six howitzers, 86 ammunition wagons, four field hospitals, a field bakery and a large quantity of clothing, shoes and horses.

"There is no definite news from the western front of the Germans.

PLEASANT ASSURANCES FOR U. S.

Are Given by Okuma, the Premier of Japan.

New York, Aug. 27.—The Independent will print in its forthcoming issue the following cable message from Count Okuma, the premier of Japan.

"I gladly seize the opportunity to send through the medium of the Independent a message to the people of the United States, who have always been helpful and loyal friends of Japan.

"It is my desire to convince your people of the sincerity of my government and of my people in all their utterances and assurances connected with the present regrettable situation in Europe and the Far East.

"Every sense of loyalty and honor obliges Japan to co-operate with Great Britain to clear from these waters the enemies who in the past, the present and the future menace her interests, her trade, her shipping and her people's lives.

"This far eastern situation is not of our seeking.

"It was ever my desire to maintain peace as will be amply proved; as president of the peace society of Japan and I have consistently so endeavored.

"I have read with admiration the lofty message of President Wilson to the people of the subject of neutrality.

"We of Japan are appreciative of the spirit and motives that prompted the head of your great nation and we feel confident that his message will meet with a national response.

"As premier of Japan I have stated and I now again state to the people of America and of the world that Japan has no ulterior motive, no desire to secure more territory, no thought of depriving China or other peoples of anything which they now possess.

"My government and my people have given their word and their pledge which will be as honorably kept as Japan always keeps promises.

(Signed.) "Okuma."

WANT AN EMBARGO ON FOODSTUFFS

A Rapidly Growing Sentiment in New York City Favors Retaining Products in United States to Keep Prices Lower.

New York, Aug. 27.—A rapidly growing sentiment all over the city in favor of an export embargo to keep American foodstuffs at home and thereby force down war prices was reported to-day by the mayor's committee, who also announced that it was alleged many grocers and meat dealers who advertise low prices skimped on the packages.

The United States government could stop the war in Europe by placing an embargo on wheat, flour and other products, it was announced at District Attorney Whitman's John Doe investigation into the increased cost of living since the conflict began. Chief Magistrate McAdoo, before whom the inquiry is in progress, questioned witnesses as to what the effect would be if American exports to the belligerent nations ceased. James Ward Warner, president of the New York produce exchange, and George Zahorski, resident manager for Minneapolis manufacturers of flour, each said the end of warfare abroad must result.

There was a big demand for flour in foreign countries, according to these witnesses, with a heavy demand too in domestic markets. Mr. Zahorski said there was a shortage of 400,000,000 bushels in the Russian wheat crop and that prudent housewives, fearing a shortage at home, have been laying in barrels of the product instead of buying by bags, with a result that the price of

flour has gone up. Mr. Zahorski declared that the United States could dispose of its entire flour output to France, England, Greece and Turkey at any reasonable prices and receive payment in gold before the staple was put aboard steamships.

Not only would war in Europe end if an embargo was placed on American products, Mr. Zahorski said, but normal markets would be established at home and the prices here would go down. Mr. Warner volunteered the opinion also that such an embargo would bring the wrath of the farmers upon the heads of the national administration if they were told that they could not export grain to Europe.

The National Housewives' league sub-committee of Mayor Mitchell's food committee yesterday opened headquarters and within a few minutes housewives began dropping in to complain that grocers in their neighborhoods were not only overcharging for sugar but were giving short weight. The names of the grocers were placed in the hands of the municipal commission of weights and measures for investigation and possible prosecution.

NEW FRENCH CABINET NAMED LAST NIGHT

Following the Collective Resignation of the Old Cabinet—Several Ex-Premiers and Former Cabinet Members Now in Office.

Paris, Aug. 27.—The French ministry, headed by Premier Rene Viviani, resigned last night. Another cabinet was immediately formed.

Premier Viviani visited Elysee palace at 10:15 o'clock last evening and notified President Poincare that the members of the cabinet decided to resign collectively. He said that he and his colleagues had come to the conclusion that in the circumstances through which the country was passing the ministry should have a wider scope and comprise all the best men in all the republican groups.

President Poincare charged M. Viviani with the task of organizing a new cabinet, which the premier accepted. He returned to Elysee about an hour later and made known to the president the composition of the new ministry.

Among the members of the new cabinet, Marcel Sembat is a united socialist deputy and M. Guesde a socialist deputy. M. Delcasse was formerly ambassador to Russia. M. Millerand is a former minister of war.

Premier Viviani remained at Elysee palace to present the members of the cabinet to the president.

RECEIVERS FOR BIG CONCERN.

International Steam Pump Co., New Jersey Corporation.

New York, Aug. 27.—Receivers were appointed last night for the International Steam Pump Co., a \$20,000,000 corporation, by United States Judge Mayer. The receivership was granted in an equity suit brought by bond holders and a creditor. The corporation joined in the application. The receivers are authorized to continue the business.

The International Steam Pump Co. is a New Jersey corporation with an authorized capital of \$30,000,000 of which \$11,350,000 preferred stock and \$17,650,000 common stock, and a total of \$29,112,500 is outstanding.

The receivers' names are: C. Philip Coleman and Grayson M. P. Murphy, furnished bond of \$50,000.

The International Steam Pump Co. was incorporated in 1899 and has since acquired control of several corporations, including the Blake & Knowles Steam Pump works, East Cambridge, Mass., and the Deane Steam Pump works, Holyoke, Mass.

Benjamin Guggenheim, who was lost on the Titanic, was the chief organizer and promoter of the company.

A statement issued by the board of directors states that the receivership is not expected to discontinue any of its assets or subsidiary companies.

Shortly after the receivers had been appointed it was announced that reorganization plans were under way.

BRITISH STEAMER HALTED.

By United States Cruiser in New York Lower Harbor.

New York, Aug. 27.—The Wilson liner Francisco, a British steamer bound for Hull with a cargo of grain, was stopped yesterday as she was leaving port, by the United States battleship Florida which has been stationed in the lower harbor since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe to see that neutrality regulations of the United States were observed by shipping. The Francisco has two 4.7 caliber rifles mounted at her stern and it was these which caused her to be detained. The guns were in position when the ship arrived here from Hull August 12. Officers of the ship said that the guns had been set up only for saluting purposes.

Agents of the Wilson line here disclaimed any knowledge as to why the steamer had been held up.

At the Brooklyn navy yard, however, it was said last night that the command of the Florida had decided that the Francisco should be detained until certain facts concerning her clearance papers had been determined. It was further said that the ship would not be allowed to leave the harbor until the investigation had been completed. To-night, the Francisco was still at anchor close to the Florida.

JOHNSON AND FREDERICKS WIN.

They Will Face Each Other in California in Gubernatorial Contest.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—Returns from Tuesday's primary indicate that John D. Fredericks, Republican, will oppose Hiram W. Johnson, incumbent, Progressive, for the governorship in the November election; that Francis J. Heney has won the Progressive nomination for United States senator, and James D. Phelan the Democratic nomination. Returns kept Samuel M. Shortridge in the lead over Joseph R. Knowlton for the Republican nomination for senator.

The outstanding feature of the balloting is the achievement of John M. Ebbelman, Progressive candidate for lieutenant governor, in capturing also the Republican nomination. Progressive managers declared Ebbelman's vote indicates the real Progressive strength in the state, while Republican and Democratic managers say that Ebbelman's following is personal rather than partisan.

17 MILITANTS PUT IN PRISON

After They and Their Companions Tried to Force Entrance to Home Office

HAD COME TO PROTEST ON FORCIBLE FEEDING

Women Threatened by Hostile Element Before Police Rescued Them

London, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Flora Drummond, Mrs. Duane Fox, Miss Richardson and fourteen other militant suffragettes were arrested this morning in front of the home office, whither they had gone in an effort to interview Reginald McKenna, the home secretary, on the forcible feeding question. When they were refused admission, the women attempted to force an entrance.

A hostile crowd gathered and the women were seriously threatened, when the police arrived. A number of women demonstrators have been released from custody recently on the clemency of King George.

ANN STORY'S CAVE.

Marked in Cornwall by Shaft of Marble Yesterday.

Cornwall, Aug. 27.—Nearly 200 people gathered yesterday afternoon to mark with fitting ceremonies the unveiling of a shaft of marble to the memory of Ann Story.

Ann Story, a strong, capable, self-reliant woman, widowed by the accidental fall of a tree, alone with a large family of children in the then wilderness of Vermont, in danger from wild beasts and wandering savages, dug in the clay bank of the Otter river a hidden retreat for time of stress. It was eventually discovered by a Tory neighbor, but not until it had served its purpose as to stamp the memory of its existence indelibly on traditions of the time.

Munroy M. Doud of Salisbury, 86 years of age, traced its location through information given him when a boy of 14 by old residents so accurately that a stake set by him as the probable location was found on excavation to have been driven within five feet of the actual opening of the cave.

Through the efforts of the Mary Baker Allen chapter, D. A. R., of Cornwall its site is now appropriately marked by a shaft of Proctor marble 4x2x1½, firmly bedded in a foundation of concrete. It bears the inscription: "1776. This marks the site of Ann Story's cave, used as a place of refuge against the invasion of Tories and Indians. Erected in honor of and for her loyalty to the Green Mountain Boys by Mary Baker Allen chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Cornwall, Vermont, 1914."

Mrs. Charles H. Lane, regent of Mary Baker Allen chapter, welcomed the guests yesterday, introducing Mrs. C. N. North, ex-state regent, who dedicated the monument in a few well chosen words to "God, Liberty and Patriotism."

An interesting historical address was given upon the lesson and influence of this pioneer woman's life by E. S. S. Sunderland of New York City.

Harry S. Howard of Burlington spoke briefly of the inheritance bequeathed this day and generation by these sturdy figures of the past, and was followed by the Rev. Samuel Rose of Cornwall, in a "Message of Ann Story of Our Time."

Mrs. J. Howard Atwood read the poem recited by Mrs. J. C. R. Dorr at the dedication of the Ann Story Home marker at Salisbury a few years ago. The Hon. Lyman W. Pett of Cornwall told some interesting Indian experiences, addressing his remarks to the "Youngsters" of the gathering, whatever their age.

Mrs. Richard N. Warner, regent of Rhode Island chapter, D. A. R., addressed the group, and Mrs. H. H. Addison, Mrs. W. T. De Lano, regent of Hand's Cove chapter, Shoreham, and Mrs. C. N. North, ex-state regent, were present.

Ann Story chapter, Camp Fire Girls of America, of Middlebury attended in full Indian costume.

WHEAT EXCITEMENT STILL ON.

May Wheat Dropped Off This Morning but Recovered.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Excitement in wheat was unabated when the market opened this morning. May wheat, leading in the activity, sold down to \$1.16 and three-quarters, or two and five-eighths cents under yesterday's sensational close; but the price in the first fifteen minutes of trading was bid up to \$1.25. September wheat advanced three cents and December wheat four cents.

UNDERTAKERS' ELECTION.

John B. Stearns of Rutland Chosen President.

Rutland, Aug. 27.—The Vermont Undertakers and Embalmers' association elected the following officers at the closing session last evening:

President, John B. Stearns of Rutland; first vice-president, M. S. Rounds of Barre; second vice-president, W. W. Bennett of Manchester; secretary, F. G. Pease of Jericho; treasurer, J. A. Gibson of Enosburg Falls; delegate to the national convention, C. A. Calderwood of St. Johnsbury. The membership of the committee is as follows:

Membership, Harry W. Morey of East Fairfield, Gerald Welch of Bellows Falls, C. B. Dodge of Lyndonville; executive, M. S. Rounds of Barre, W. W. Bennett of Manchester; legislative committee, C. A. Calderwood of St. Johnsbury, L. S. Congdon of Wallingford and H. C. Carpenter of Montpelier.

SHERIFFS COME TOGETHER.

First Annual Outing of Washington County Association at Caledonia Park.

Caledonia park opened its gates this forenoon to welcome the newly organized Washington County Sheriffs' association on the occasion of its first annual outing. The picnic follows by a month the formation of an association which includes every deputy sheriff in Washington county as well as the members of the municipal police forces in Barre and Montpelier, who in practically every instance are in possession of deputy's commissions from the county sheriff. Among those who assembled at the park were a number of town constables. Returns received by the committee early to-day indicate that nearly every deputy in the county will be present at the park before nightfall.

Deputy Sheriff John Hastings of Middlesex is detained at home by the death of Mrs. Hastings, but with this one exception all deputies have signified a determination to participate in the doings.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy of Montpelier is president of the association and the committee in charge of the affair consists of Chief Samuel Sinclair of the local police force, Deputy Sheriff E. D. Bartlett of Plainfield and Deputy Sheriff John Plunkett of Northfield. At one o'clock this afternoon the picnicers sat down to an excellently prepared dinner of sea food, which was served in the park pavilion. Although the meal was spread on the threshold of a grim athletic encounter between two factions of the association, the layout did not resemble a training table and the gladiators who were later to figure in a diamond skirmish between the deputies and the municipal police vied with those who were to be just plain spectators in making away with lobsters, clam, oysters and other less hearty viands.

WILSON COMES FOR SUMMER REST

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BARRE REALTY TRANSFERS.

G. R. Varnum Buys C. W. Averill Residence and Sells His Own to C. A. Brown.

Upwards of \$14,000 is involved in recent real estate transfers which are to take effect Sept. 1. At 6 North street, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Averill have sold their large brick residence to Guy R. Varnum of Rutland, Milne & Varnum, and he is already moving his household goods to the newly acquired property. No figures are mentioned in the deed. The sale includes the house, a barn, which the new owner intends to finish into a garage, a garage large enough to accommodate two cars, and spacious grounds fronting on Currier park. Mr. and Mrs. Averill plan to go to California for an extended stay, although they will remain in Barre for the time being.

Mr. Varnum has completed negotiations for the sale of his residence at 41 Jefferson street. The purchaser is said to be Charles A. Brown of the firm of Brown & Carroll, who will occupy the house as soon as it is vacated by Mr. Varnum. The house at 41 Cliff street, owned by Assessor Martin Riley, and occupied at present by Mr. Brown's family, has been leased to Alexander Youngson, a draftsman employed by Jones Bros., who will move his household goods from Highland avenue.

Michael Corcoran died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home at 5 Short street, following an illness that covered a period of several years. Mr. Corcoran is survived by his wife and four children: John P. Bernard W. Mrs. M. H. Kicham and Mrs. A. D. McDonald, who reside in Barre. He is also survived by a brother, John Corcoran, of Rockford, Ill.

Michael Corcoran was born April 23, 1844, at Castledermot, Kildare county, Ireland. After reaching the age of eighteen years he emigrated to the United States. He came to Barre in 1900 to reside. Previous to coming here he had resided at Rockford, Ill., and Burlington.

During his residence in Burlington he conducted a business enterprise. On October 23, 1878, he was married to Miss Lucy Gallagher of Shelburne.

The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at St. Monica's church. Mass will be held at 7 o'clock. The remains will be taken over the Central Vermont railroad to Burlington, where the interment will be made in the family lot at Mt. St. Joseph's cemetery.

Married at Springfield.

Miss Rose Thompson Is Bride of Ralph C. Jenkins.

Springfield, Aug. 27.—Miss Rose Eliot Thompson, daughter of Eliot Thompson, and Ralph Carlton Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins of Springfield, were married yesterday at the home of Judge and Mrs. H. H. Blanchard on Pleasant street by Rev. Allen C. Ferrin of Lowell, Mass. Mrs. L. M. Cody of West Somerville, Mass., was matron of honor and Gordon Platt of Highgate Springs was best man.

Immediately after the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins left for a trip to Burlington and the Thousand Islands. The bride has been a school teacher for several years. Mr. Jenkins was graduated from Dartmouth college this year and has accepted the position of assistant principal of Burr & Burton seminary in Manchester, where the couple will reside.

Release Beaten by 8,000.

Incomplete Returns Seem to Insure Election of Smith to Senate.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—Slow and incomplete returns yesterday from the Democratic primary election insure the defeat by from 8,000 to 12,000 majority of Gov. Cole L. Blease by Senator Ellison D. Smith for the nomination for senator. Nomination is equivalent to election.

Returns from the country districts were extremely slow. The cities gave generally small or large majorities to Smith. Blease expected to get his biggest vote, however, in the missing country districts.

None of the 11 gubernatorial candidates has secured a majority on the face of present returns, and another primary will be held with the two high candidates as the only contestants.

Rode Without Paying.

Two Youths Were Fined in Montpelier City Court on Pleas of Guilty.

Two 19-year-old youths were in Montpelier city court to-day, having been arrested by Railroad Officer McFadden on the Central Vermont railroad, charged with having stolen a ride from White River Junction to Montpelier Junction last night. The youths pleaded guilty and were placed in charge of Probation Officer Charles A. Smith of Montpelier until such time as they paid a fine of \$10 and costs, each. The youths are from Winchendon, Mass., and their names are John LaPage and Edward Berard.

WAITSFIELD.

Mrs. Fred Bell and daughter of St. Albans are in town.

Ed. Savage of Proctor is spending some time at his home on the common. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gibson of Montpelier were in town Wednesday.

Meas. Wyman and Bonnie of Lawrence are at A. W. Bigelow's.

The Home circle supper on Wednesday was well attended, there being about 100 present.

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